

REMARKS

Claims 6-9, 15-18, and 20 are pending in the present application. Claims 6, 15, and 20 are amended. Claims 1-5, 10-14, and 19 are cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments were made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

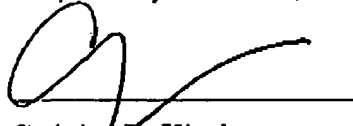
With regard to claims 6-9, 15-18, and 20, the examiner has stated that these claims were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claims 6, 15, and 20 have been rewritten to overcome this objection. As claims 7-9 and 16-18 depend from rewritten claims 6 and 15, respectively, claims 7-9 and 16-18 also overcome this objection.

With regard to claims 1-5, 10-14, and 19, applicant has cancelled these claims. Consequently, the rejection of claims 1-5, 10-14, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is now moot.

In view of the above, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for immediate allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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